

State of Hawaii
Department of Land and Natural Resources
Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement
Honolulu, Hawaii

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Board of Land and
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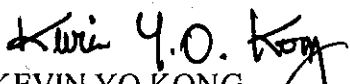
RE: Request Board Approval to Enter Into a Joint Enforcement Agreement between the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement, and the National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Law Enforcement.

The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate the operations, administration, and funding for DOCARE to enforce Federal laws, and regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Endangered Species Act of 1973, the Marine Mammal Protection Act 1972 and the National Marine Sanctuaries Act.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement requests approval of this Joint Enforcement Agreement and asks that the Chairperson be authorized to approve the final agreement after review and approval as to form by the Office of the Attorney General. Changes recommended to DLNR by the Attorney General's Office will be incorporated into the final document in order to meet all State requirements. In addition, we ask that the Chairperson be authorized to approve amendments to the Operations Plan and to accept additional funds that may become available during the duration of this agreement.

Respectfully submitted,


KEVIN YO KONG
Acting Enforcement Chief

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:


LAURA H. THIELEN, Chairperson
Board of Land & Natural Resources